

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 4, 11, and 13 as follows:

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4. (Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 3, wherein said first recombinant protein is an immunoglobulin or an immunoadhesion

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11. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a first nucleotide sequence comprising a coding region for a first leader peptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 and a second nucleotide sequence comprising a first ribosome binding site wherein said second nucleotide sequence is 5' of said first nucleotide sequence, wherein said first ribosome binding site is operatively joined to said coding region for said first leader peptide, and wherein, when said polynucleotide is RNA or is transcribed into RNA, said first ribosome binding site is accessible.

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13. (Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 11, comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-24, 28, and 29, an immunoglobulin and an immunoadhesion from the members of the group set forth in claim 4, and the species SEQ ID NO: 7 (designated AraBADprom + SSS2B polynucleotide). The amino acid sequence of SSS2B is provided by SEQ ID NO: 3.

With this amendment, claims 1-29 are pending in this application, claims 1-24, 28, and 29 being elected for examination on the merits. By this amendment, claims 4, 11, and 13 are amended, *inter alia*, to recite the specific SEQ ID NOs and members of the group set forth in claim 4 as originally filed that are the subject of the present species election. Furthermore, it is urged that the above amendments are being made for reasons unrelated to patentability. No new matter is added to the application by this Amendment and its entry is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."